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September 9, 2009

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Richard S. Norman  
Serial Number: 10/022,851  
Filing Date: December 20, 2001  
Title: METHODS, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEMS FOR REDUCING  
INTERFERENCE ON NEARBY CONDUCTORS  
Agent of Record: Alexandra Daoud – Tel. (514) 847-4333

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**BY FAX: 571-273-8300**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED  
UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Sir:

Please find enclosed a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally duly completed for reinstatement of the above-mentioned application. Included herewith are the following items:

- Statement of facts from Assignee
- Statement of facts from Former Counsel
- Statement of facts from Present Counsel

indicating that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional. The delay in reply that originally resulted in the abandonment is shown to result unintentionally as a change of correspondence address was submitted to the USPTO but never recorded.

Also enclosed are:

- Response to outstanding Office Action dated September 6, 2005
- Power of Attorney signed by Assignee

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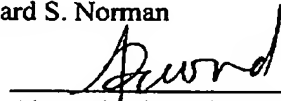
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$810.00 to cover the Petition Fee, and any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-5113.

Favourable consideration on the merits of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard S. Norman

By:

  
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Alexandra Daoud (Reg. No. 55,992)

Agent of Record

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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
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17273-6US - ADFirst named inventor: Claude THIBEAULTApplication No.: 10/022,851Art Unit: 2631Filed: December 20, 2001Examiner: Qutbuddin GHULAMALITitle: METHODS, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEMS FOR REDUCING INTERFERENCE ON NEARBY CONDUCTORSAttention: Office of Petitions  
Mail Stop Petition  
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United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set  
for reply in the office notice or action plus any extensions of time actually obtained.**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed  
before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional

**1. Petition Fee**

- ☒ Small entity-fee \$ 810.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Application claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Other than small entity-fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

**2. Reply and/or fee**

- A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in  
the form of an Amendment (identify type of reply):

- ☐ has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ is enclosed herewith.

- B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ has been paid previously on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ is enclosed herewith.

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.137(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.0 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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## 3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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Type or Printed name  
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Address  
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Address

September 9, 2009

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Date  
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Registration Number, If applicable  
514.847.4333  
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Telephone Number

- Enclosures: ☒ Fee Payment
- ☒ Reply
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form
- ☒ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay
- ☒ Other: Power of Attorney

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR 1.8(a)]**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being:

- ☐ Deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
- ☒ Transmitted by facsimile on the date shown below to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at (571) 273-8300.

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Alexandra Daoud  
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ALEXANDRA DAUD  
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Assignee : Richard S. Norman  
Serial Number: 10/022,851  
Filing Date: December 20, 2001  
Title: METHODS, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEMS FOR REDUCING  
INTERFERENCE ON NEARBY CONDUCTORS  
Agent of Record: Alexandra Daoud - Tel. (514) 847-4333

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Statement of Facts by Assignee

Sir,

**I, Richard S. Norman, do hereby declare that:**

I am a Canadian citizen residing at 1877 Chemin Poissant, Sutton, Québec, Canada J0E 2K0.

I am the assignee of the above-reference application, as evidenced by the document recorded at the USPTO at Reel 015408, Frame 0178.

I was contacted on May 21, 2009 by Ms. Alexandra Daoud, my Patent Counsel, and informed that the present application had been abandoned for failure to respond to an Office Action.

On May 27, 2009, I confirmed to Ms. Daoud that this was the first I had heard of the Office Action for this application and that we had no intention of abandoning the application.

I asked that the application be reinstated.

Any delay in responding to the first Office Action of the present application was unintentional on my part.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issued thereon.

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SIGNATURE Richard Norman DATE Sept. 3, 2009

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INTERFERENCE ON NEARBY CONDUCTORS  
Agent of Record: Alexandra Daoud – Tel. (514) 847-4333

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Statement of Facts by Agent of Record

Sir,

**I, Alexandra Daoud, do hereby declare that:**

I am a Canadian citizen residing at 4215 Oakland, Brossard, Québec, J4Y 0A4, Canada.

I am a registered patent agent at the USPTO under registration number 55,992.

I am a partner of the firm Swabey Ogilvy Renault.

On May 20, 2009, we inadvertently discovered that correspondence for the above-referenced patent application had been issued on August 25, 2005 and January 18, 2006 and we had no record of it in our files.

Upon further inquiry, we discovered that the request for a change of agent and change of correspondence in this matter, received by the USPTO on August 6, 2003 as evidenced by appendix A, was never made of record.

On August 6, 2003, a correspondence was sent to the previous agents of record indicating that we were revoking the power of attorney and appointing a new agent, and requesting that any future correspondence received by them be forwarded to our attention.

After this date, no correspondence was sent to us by the previous agents of record, despite our request.

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The Office Action dated September 6, 2005 and the Notice of Abandonment dated April 19, 2006 were transmitted to the previous agents of record, as evidenced by the correspondence address indicated on these communications.

The following day that the unintentional abandonment was discovered (May 21, 2009), we communicated with the Assignee, Richard S. Norman, to inform him of the situation.

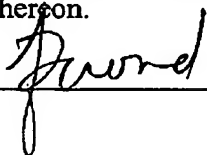
On May 27, 2009, Mr. Norman confirmed that this was the first he had heard of the Office Action for this application and that they had no intention of abandoning the application. Mr. Norman asked that the application be reinstated.

In the time that has lapsed since discovering the abandonment, we have obtained signed statements of facts from the Assignee and the Former Counsel, the latter of which was received on September 4, 2009, in order to meet the requirements for a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

Therefore, I hereby submit that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issued thereon.

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Attorney Docket: 038700-0276792

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF : Claude THIBEAULT *et al.*  
SERIAL NO. : 10/022,851  
FILING DATE : December 20, 2001  
ART UNIT : 2637  
EXAMINER : QUTBUDDIN GHULAMALI  
FOR : METHODS, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEMS FOR REDUCING  
INTERFERENCE ON NEARBY CONDUCTORS

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

I hereby declare as follows:

1. I have reviewed our firm's records pertaining to the above-identified application. Relevant copies of these records are attached. Our records show the following:
  - a. We filed the above-captioned patent application on December 20, 2001.
  - b. The above-captioned patent application was assigned to Hyperchip, Inc. by means of an assignment document recorded with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 18, 2002, at Reel/Frame 012697/0399 (See Exhibit A).
  - c. We were instructed by Mr. C. Marc Benoit, IP Manager, of Hyperchip, Inc. that Hyperchip would be handling future prosecution of the above-captioned application and were asked to return the files to Hyperchip, Inc. (See Exhibit B).
  - d. On or about July 25, 2002, we forwarded the file for the above-captioned patent application to Hyperchip, Inc. (See Exhibit C).
  - e. An Office Action dated September 6, 2005, was received in our office on September 7, 2005 (See Exhibit D).

f. On September 12, 2005, we forwarded the Office Action to Hyperchip, Inc. by First-Class Mail to our last known address of record (See Exhibit E).

g. Our letter of September 12, 2005 to Hyperchip, Inc., was subsequently returned to us (See Exhibit F).

h. We subsequently received a Notice of Abandonment, dated April 19, 2006, for the above-captioned application (See Exhibit G).

i. On April 21, 2006, we forwarded the Notice of Abandonment to Hyperchip, Inc. by First-Class Mail (See Exhibit H).

j. Our letter of April 21, 2006 was returned to us (See Exhibit I).

2. I hereby acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. § 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the present application or any patent issuing thereon. All statements made of my knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Respectfully submitted,  
PILLSBURY WINTHROP SHAW PITTMAN LLP

By: 

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# EXHIBIT A



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## Patent Assignment Abstract of Title

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## Total Assignments: 3

Patent #: NONE      Issue Dt:      Application #: 10022851      Filing Dt: 12/20/2001  
 Publication #: 20030117183      Pub Dt: 06/26/2003  
 Inventors: Claude Thibeault, Karl Fecteau, Jean-Jacques Laurin, Yvon Savaria, Zhong-Fang Jin  
 Title: Methods, apparatus, and systems for reducing interference on nearby conductors

## Assignment: 1

Reel/Frame: 012697/0399      Recorded: 03/18/2002      Pages: 4  
 Conveyance: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNORS INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).  
 Assignors: THIBEAULT, CLAUDE      Exec Dt: 03/15/2002  
                  FECTEAU, KARL      Exec Dt: 03/14/2002  
                  LAURIN, JEAN-JACQUES      Exec Dt: 03/11/2002  
                  SAVARIA, YVON      Exec Dt: 03/14/2002  
                  JIN, ZHONG-FANG      Exec Dt: 03/14/2002

Assignee: HYPERCHIP INC.  
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Correspondent: PILLSBURY WINTHROP LLP  
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## Assignment: 2

Reel/Frame: 015408/0178      Recorded: 11/24/2004      Pages: 5  
 Conveyance: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNORS INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).  
 Assignor: 4198638 CANADA INC      Exec Dt: 10/14/2004

Assignee: NORMAN, RICHARD S.  
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Correspondent: OGILVY RENAULT  
 C. MARC BENOIT  
 1981 MCGILL COLLEGE AVENUE, SUITE 1600  
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## Assignment: 3

Reel/Frame: 015408/0203      Recorded: 11/24/2004      Pages: 8  
 Conveyance: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNORS INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).  
 Assignor: HYPERCHIP INC      Exec Dt: 10/14/2004

Assignee: 4198638 CANADA INC.  
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Correspondent: 4198638 CANADA INC.  
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# EXHIBIT B



**HYPERCHIP**  
THE PATENT ROUTING COMPANY

Montreal, May 31, 2001

Via Courier

Mr. Jeffrey Karceski  
**PILLSBURY WINTHROP**  
1600 Tysons Blvd.,  
McLean, VA 22102

Re: Transfer of Hyperchip files  
Your/our refs: see attached list

Dear Jeff,

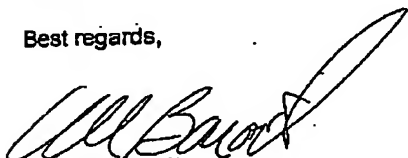
We regret to inform you that, for cost and efficiency reasons, Hyperchip needs to bring as much intellectual property work in-house as possible.

Accordingly, effective immediately, Hyperchip will be handling drafting, prosecution and maintenance of the patent files on the attached list.

Please coordinate the return of all material and work in progress associated with these files with the undersigned. Also, kindly advise us before incurring any further costs.

We thank you for your professional services and hope to have further dealings with you in the future.

Best regards,



C. Marc Benoit  
IP Manager

CMB/al

Enclosure: List of references

Cc: Kerry Hartman

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## List of Hyperchip's Files

Pillsbury File #	HC File #	Application No.	Title	Status
276792	P(US)2001-019	US 10/022,851	Methods, Apparatus and Systems for Reducing Interference on Nearby Conductors	Pending In-Exam
283335	P(US)2001-086		Synchronization of Data Transfers	In Drafting
290547	P(US)2001-199	US 10/022,856	Methods, Apparatus and Systems for Reducing Interference on Nearby Conductors	Pending In-Exam
290548	P(US)2001-200	US 10/022,852	Methods, Apparatus and Systems for Reducing Interference on Nearby Conductors	Pending In-Exam
290549	P(US)2001-201	US 10/023,478	Methods, Apparatus and Systems for Reducing Interference on Nearby Conductors	Pending In-Exam

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July 25, 2002

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Re-up dated 07-10-03  
Jim Berrios  
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Re: Hyperchip - 037800  
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Dear Mr. Benoit:

Pursuant to instructions from the client, we are transferring the following trademark and/or patent file(s) to you herewith:

Serial No.	App. Serial No.	Country
✓ 276792 ✓	10/022,851	US
✓ 290549 ✓	10/023,478	US
✓ 290548 ✓	10/022,852	US
✓ 290547 ✓	10/022,856	US
283335 ✓		US

You are advised that Pillsbury Winthrop LLP assumes no further responsibility for these files including, but not limited to, future prosecution and/or annuities. Please file the appropriate documents to ensure that future correspondence is sent directly to you. A docket sheet of all relevant due dates is also attached (if applicable).

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PILLSBURY WINTHROP

July 25, 2002

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These files are being transferred with the understanding that access will be provided to Pillsbury Winthrop LLP should the need arise at a future date. Please sign and return a copy of this letter to indicate your agreement and receipt of the above files.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey A. Cox  
Records Manager

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Enclosures

cc: Hyperchip

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# EXHIBIT D



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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/022,851	12/20/2001	Claude Thibeault	P 276792 P(LIS)2001-019	1516

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PILLSBURY WINTHROP SHAW PITTMAN, LLP  
 P.O. BOX 10500  
 MCLEAN, VA. 22102

EXAMINER

GHULAMALI QUTBUDDIN

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/022,851		Applicant(s) THIBEAULT ET AL.	
	Examiner Qutub Ghulamali		Art Unit 2637	

- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address -

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2001.

2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☒ Claim(s) 12-20 is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 21-34 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
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1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
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**Attachment(s)**

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**DETAILED ACTION***Drawings*

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the reference to state transitions "T1" and "T2" in the specification page 4, sections 00016, 00061) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

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*Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-11 and 21-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Balakrishnan et al (USP 5,101,347) in view of Tan et al (USP 5,815,031).

Regarding claims 1 and 21, Balakrishnan discloses a system (transmitter and receiver) of data transmission comprising:

receiving a plurality of sets of input signals (multiple data slices), each input signal having a series of state transitions (figs. 2-3; series of data characters) synchronized to a data clock signal having a period T CLK (col. 3, lines 13-48); and

transmitting a corresponding plurality of sets of output signals such that each output signal (1) corresponds to an input signal of the corresponding set (col. 3, lines 13-25; col. 4, lines 33-40), (2) passes along a corresponding one of a plurality of conductive paths (parallel data bus), and (3) has a series of state transitions corresponding to the series of state transitions of the corresponding input signal (col. 3, lines 35-60), wherein a time between a state transition on an input signal of one set and the corresponding state transition on the corresponding output signal exceeds a time between a state transition on an input signal of another set and the corresponding state transition on the corresponding output signal by a delay period T DLY, and



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wherein the period  $T_{CLK}$  is greater than the delay period  $T_{DLY}$  (col. 2, lines 10-39).

Balakrishnan, however, does not explicitly disclose, "adjacent conductive paths that each carry an output signal of one set are separated by at least one conductive path that carries an output signal of another set". Tan in a similar field of endeavor discloses an improved signal routing scheme includes a plurality of dynamic signal lines disposed in parallel to each other wherein adjacent conductive paths that each carry an output signal of one set are separated by at least one conductive path that carries an output signal of another set (col. 2, lines 32-44, 53-60). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use plurality of dynamic signal lines parallel to each other (adjacent conductive paths) separated by conductive path to carry output signal of another set as taught by Tan in the system of Balakrishnan because it can mitigate crosstalk noise by reducing unwanted coupling between signal paths.

Regarding claims 2, 30, Balakrishnan discloses the delay period  $T_{DLY}$  is at least as long as a rise time of the data clock signal (fig. 3).

Regarding claims 3 and 22, Balakrishnan discloses each state transition of an output signal corresponds to a different one among the state transitions of the corresponding input signal (col. 3, lines 13-28).

Regarding claims 4, 23 and 33, Balakrishnan discloses the plurality of conductive paths can be fabricated on a semiconductor substrate, and wherein said receiving and said transmitting occur on the semiconductor substrate (col. 4, lines 3-18).

Regarding claims 5, 6, 7, 24, 25, 26 the parameters; length, distance between adjacent conductive path, and width of the conductive path are design issues (features) related to

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achieving the desired delay in a high-speed signal communication and well-known in semiconductor fabrication industry for achieving desired objectives in reducing the skew effects between parallel data paths, such as disclosed by Nomura (USP 6,128,347) (figs. 16, 17A-C).

Regarding claims 8 and 28, Balakrishnan discloses each one among the plurality of conductive paths includes a corresponding one of a plurality of parallel transmission lines (col. 3, lines 35-60); and wherein said method further comprises coupling the data clock signal to one of the plurality of transmission lines (fig. 2; col. 3, lines 22-28).

Regarding claims 9, 29, Balakrishnan discloses each one among the plurality of conductive paths includes a corresponding one of a plurality of buffers (storage locations) (col. 3, lines 35-48).

Regarding claims 10, 31, Balakrishnan discloses, transmitting each output signal among a first one of the plurality of sets of output signals includes latching the series of state transitions of the corresponding input signal onto the output signal in response to a first clock signal, and wherein transmitting each output signal among a second one of the plurality of sets of output signals includes latching the series of state transitions of the corresponding input signal onto the output signal in response to a second clock signal (fig. 2, col. 3, lines 13-48, 54-67).

Regarding claims 11 and 32, Balakrishnan discloses the first and second clock signals are based on the data clock signal, and wherein a time between a state transition on the data clock signal and a corresponding state transition on the second clock signal exceeds a time between a

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state transition on the data clock signal and a corresponding state transition on the first clock signal by the delay period T<sub>DELY</sub> (col. 2, lines 10-39).

Regarding claim 34, Balakrishnan discloses a data receiver configured and arranged to receive the plurality of first output signals and the plurality of second output signals and to produce a plurality of first received signals and a plurality of second received signals (col. 4, lines 20-54), wherein each among the plurality of first received signals corresponds to one among the plurality of first output signals; and each among the plurality of second received signals corresponds to one among the plurality of second output signals (col. 3, lines 13-25; col. 4, lines 33-40), and wherein each of the first and second received signals has a series of state transitions corresponding to the series of state transitions of the corresponding output signal (col. 2, lines 10-39), and wherein the state transitions of each of the first and second received signals are synchronized to a received data clock signal, and wherein one among the rising and falling edges of the data clock signal is synchronous with the other among the rising and falling edges of the received data clock signal (col. 3, lines 61-67).

#### *Allowable Subject Matter*

4. Claims 12-20 allowed.

#### *Conclusion*

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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US Patents:

Nomura (USP 6,128,347) discloses signal transmission circuit with protection line driven with signal having same phase as transmission signal to mitigate crosstalk.

Schipper et al (USP 6,128,337) shows a multi-path signal discrimination method.

Lincoln (US Pub. 2005/0069041) shows a coherent expandable high speed interface.

Umemura et al (USP 6,600,790) discloses a gap-coupling bus system.

Malerevich et al (USP 6,611,538) shows a data transmission synchronization system.

Pitroda et al (USP 4,627,047) discloses an integrated voice and data telecommunication switching system.

US Publications:

Bishop, J.A.; Hashemi, M.M.; Kiziloglu, K.; Larson, L.; Dagli, N.; Mishra, U. "Monolithic coaxial transmission lines for mm-wave Ics", High Speed Semiconductor Devices and Circuits, Proceedings IEEE, 5-7 August 1991 Page(s) 252 - 260.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Qutub Ghulamali whose telephone number is (571) 272-3014.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

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2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
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3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
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  - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
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6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
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